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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, PK, AF

SUBJ: EXPLOSION ON PIA AIRCRAFT

REF: A) KABUL 5223; B) ISLAMABAD 634; C) ISLAMABAD 6158 (NOTAL);  
AND D) ISLAMABAD 6314 (NOTAL)

1. WE ASSUME KABUL DIPLOMAT STORY OF TERRORIST ATTACK ON PIA AIRCRAFT (REF A) STEMS FROM JULY 5 EXPLOSION ABOARD PIA BOEING 707 AT RAWALPINDI-ISLAMABAD AIRPORT. NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN THE EXPLOSION RIPPED A HOLE IN FUSELAGE OF AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS PARKED JUST PRIOR TO ITS RETURN TO KARACHI AS DOMESTIC FLIGHT 309. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE INVESTIGATORS HAVE STILL NOT DETERMINED WHETHER BOMB PLACED ABOARD FLIGHT 308 IN KARACHI OR HERE; OR WHETHER IT WAS INTENDED TO DETONATE IN FLIGHT OR ON RUNWAY. ACCORDING TO PIA CHIEF NUR KHAN, A MID-AIR EXPLOSION WOULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS.

2. THE GOP'S FEDERAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY (FIA) ASSUMED CHARGE OF CASE SOON AFTER EXPLOSION BUT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE NOT YET MADE ANY ARRESTS IN CASE. AN ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN PRESS FOR AT LEAST THIRD TIME AUGUST 10 ASKING THAT CERTAIN PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT 308 CONTACT FIA TO DISCUSS CASE. THUS, THE INVESTIGATION APPEARS TO BE STILL CONTINUING.

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3. GOP HAS LINKED EXPLOSION TO OUTLAWED NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP) AND INDIRECTLY TO AFGHANISTAN. AS REPORTED PARA 1, REF B, (INFO TO KABUL) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTER-SERVICES INTELLIGENCE, LT. GENERAL JILANI, IN PRESENTING PART OF GOP'S CASE AGAINST NAP JULY 9, CHARGED THAT EXPLOSION WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF SABOTAGE INCIDENTS CAUSED BY NAP CONNECTED SABOTEURS. 120 OF THESE SABOTEURS, HE ALLEGED, ENTERED PAKISTAN FROM "A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" ON JULY 3. (NO SPECIFIC MENTION WAS MADE OF AFGHANISTAN IN THIS CONNECTION BUT READERS SHOULD HAVE HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION.) PRESS GAVE PROMINENT TESTIMONY TO JILANI'S TESTIMONY ON JULY 10 BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC REPETITION OF BLAME FOR INCIDENT SINCE THAT TIME.

4. WE ARE POUCHING TO KABUL COPIES OF CABLES REPORTING INCIDENT ITSELF.  
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